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14 February 2013  
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RFI # 2013-25830

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Maxwell AFB AL 36112-6424 USA

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ATTN: Bradford Adams  
Dept MR 2515, PO Box 55819  
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to your FOIA request received in this office on 13 February 2013. You are requesting a roster of all aircraft assigned to the 56<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (SOW) and subordinate units during the periods of 1971 and 1972. Your request was assigned the FOIA number 2013-01740-F. The AFHRA has assigned your request for information (RFI) as 2013-25830.

I am sorry but your FOIA does not meet the criteria for a fee waiver. Under FOIA you can be charged \$.15 per page copied. The first 100 pages are provided to you for free. Research time is a charge of \$44.00 per hour with the first two hours provided for free. Before I can continue to process your request, I will need to know how much you are willing to pay in fees.

The information you are requesting is not in a single "consolidated" document in our archive. In order to collect the information you are seeking, it would require numerous hours and manpower. It would also require the creation of another record. In accordance with C1.5.8.2 of DoD 5400.7-R/AFM 33-302, the FOIA applies to existing Air Force records. A new Air Force record does not have to be created in order to respond to a FOIA request. The AFHRA is the repository for the operational histories of Air Force organizations. In order to create the information you seek, each history would have to be researched in the hope of finding an aircraft assignment list that was entered by the Historian at the time. The list would most likely change on a regular basis. I must also add that I'm guessing what you mean by "the roster of all aircraft." I take that to mean that you want to know the type and serial number of all aircraft? After all of that time and research, I could still not promise you that the list is complete and totally accurate. Section C6.1.5.2.10 states that charge for time spent searching, even if the search fails to locate records responsive to the request, is permitted.

You could also take an alternative route in an attempt to get the list you want. At the end of this letter, I have added a list of all abstracts representing records in our archive that responded to a search for the 56<sup>th</sup> SOW. You could request a copy of these documents and search for the aircraft roster or information to create a roster, such as that you seek. However, that too would require a very large fee for the duplication of these documents. Another point that needs to be made is the classification or administrative markings on some of these documents. The AFHRA is a repository so the documents do not actually belong to us. If the document you want has a classification or administrative marking that prevents its release from the public, that portion of the FOIA would need to be forwarded to the office of primary responsibility (OPR) for that document to be reviewed. The OPR will decide if the information can be released. This will also make your FOIA request be identified as a complex request because it will require substantial time to process. Complex FOIA's are not completed in the 20 day response time.

I will place this FOIA on hold while I wait for a response from you. I need to know how much you are willing to pay in fees before I can begin to process your FOIA. I've tried to give you as much information as I can, in order to assist you in making your decision. PLEASE notify me with your answer no-later-than 27 February 2013. If I have not received a response from you by 27 February 2013, I will consider this FOIA closed.

Respectfully,

Cathy Cox, Archivist  
AFHRA/RSA

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.2

**IRIS Number:** 451155

**BegDate:** Apr 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Jun 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0606/SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE

SQUADRON/0056/FIELD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL  
ENGINEERING SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE

SQUADRON/0056/TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON/0056/SERVICE

**Title Extension:** VOL 2 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** CONTAINS SUBORDINATE UNIT, DETACHMENT AND STAFF  
SECTION HISTORIES.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:**

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263237.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451154 **OldAcc:** 3-6145-2 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:**

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**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.1

**IRIS Number:** 451157

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Sep 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL 1 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** COL JACK A. ROBINSON ASSUMED COMMAND FROM COL MICHAEL J. WALSH, 15 JUL 71. WING ACQUIRED 18 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON (STINGERS) EQUIPPED WITH 16 AC-119K GUNSHIP AIRCRAFT, 25 AUG 71. VISIT OF GEN JOHN D. RYAN NOTED. 40 AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON ASSIGNED TO NAKON PHANOM ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, THAILAND, 21 JUL 71. WING RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION FOR PERIOD 1 OCT 69 THROUGH 30 APR 70. RECORD RAINFALL NOTED. DRUG ABUSE CONTROL PROGRAM DISCUSSED. SEARCH AND RECOVERY: FALCON 86, SANDY 09, CRAZYHORSE 19 AND BLUE STAR 790. TARGET AREA SITUATION, BARREL ROLL AND STEEL TIGER. INCLUDES SECTION ENTITLED: WING EFFECTS ON WAR IN LAOS.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:**

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263601.

**AccNotes:** **OldAcc:** 3-6392-1 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:** **Reel:** 13822

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**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

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**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.1

**IRIS Number:** 451151

**BegDate:** Jan 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Mar 31 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0056/COMBAT

SUPPORT SQUADRON/0602/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0606/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0056/DISPENSARY SQUADRON/0056/FIELD

MAINTENANCE SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS MAINTENANCE

SQUADRON/0456/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE

SQUADRON/0056/SUPPLY SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING

SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE

SQUADRON/0056/TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON/0056/SERVICES

SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE

**Title Extension:** VOL I OF III

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** LT GEN S. W. WELLS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL, CONDUCTED INSPECTION OF FACILITIES AT  
NAKHON PHANOM ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, THAILAND.  
INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPH OF EDWARD J. WALSH JR., COMMANDER OF  
56 SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING. 606 SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
SQUADRON SECTION INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS OF BAN NA MON  
SCHOOL WITH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0785

**Admin:**

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT 0250941.

SUBORDINATE UNIT HISTORIES.

**AccNotes:** **OldAcc:** 3-5970-1 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:** **Reel:** 13821

**Frame:** 1205 **FrameLast:** 1445

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 48 **QCID:**

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**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.1

**IRIS Number:** 451154

**BegDate:** Apr 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Jun 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL 1 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** 606 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON (CANDLESTICKS) INACTIVATED, 30 JUN 71. DESCRIBES IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATION GOLDEN FLOW (URINALYSIS DRUG TESTING) AT NAKON PHANOM ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, THAILAND. SEARCH AND RECOVERY: TASK FORCE I (SIERRA), BATTLECRY 305, NAIL 83 ALPHA AND BRAVO, FOXTROT LIMA, COVEY 504 ALPHA AND BRAVO. INCLUDES WRITTEN STATEMENT OF COL THOMAS B. CARROLL, COMMANDER, 56 COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WHITH THAI OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS CONCERNS. VISIT OF GEN LUCIUS D. CLAY NOTED. INCLUDES SECTION DESCRIBING TACTICAL UNITS OPERATIONS CENTER AND A SPECIAL ILLUSTRATED DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATIONS OF 606 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:**

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263237.

**AccNotes:** **OldAcc:** 3-6145-1 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:** **Reel:** 13822

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**DateScnd:** **DateMfilm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

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**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.3

**IRIS Number:** 451153

**BegDate:** Jan 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Mar 31 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL 3 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** CONTAINS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF OPERATIONS.

**DateRcvd:** IRISRef: M0786

**Admin:** Privileged Document

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0256751.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451151 **OldAcc:** 5-1812-19 **AccsnrID:** DateAccs:

**Reel:** 13822 **Frame:** 4 **FrameLast:** 247

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.3

**IRIS Number:** 451159

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Sep 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL 3 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** CONTAINS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARIES OF OPERATION UTAH AND OF OPERATION SAYASILA, PREPARED BY LT DONALD G. HUKLE, 56 SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING INTELLIGENCE BRIEFER, 13 DEC 71.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:** Privileged Document

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263601.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451157 **OldAcc:** 3-6392-3 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:**

**Reel:** 13822 **Frame:** 1788 **FrameLast:** 2059

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.2

**IRIS Number:** 451158

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Sep 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0018/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE

SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON/0056/FIELD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON/0456/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE

SQUADRON/0056/SUPPLY SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING

SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE

SQUADRON/0056/TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON/0056/SERVICE

**Title Extension:** VOL 2 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** CONFIDENTIAL **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** CONTAINS SUBORDINATE UNIT, DETACHMENT AND STAFF SECTION HISTORIES.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:** Privileged Document

**SecInfo:** Reviewed IAW EO12958\*\*Exemption 25X6\*\*11 MAR 1997

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263601.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451157 **OldAcc:** 3-6392-2 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:**

**Reel:** 13822 **Frame:** 1356 **FrameLast:** 1787

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.3

**IRIS Number:** 451156

**BegDate:** Apr 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Jun 30 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL 3 OF 3

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** CONTAINS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDING DOCUMENTATION OF OPERATIONS AND 56 COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP MANUAL 55-2: OPERATIONS, C-123 AIRCRAFT TACTICS MANUAL, 15 FEB 71.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0786

**Admin:** Privileged Document

**SecInfo:** Declassified IAW EO12958\*\*11 MAR 1997

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST NO. 0263237.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451154 **OldAcc:** 3-6145-3 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:**

**Reel:** 13822 **Frame:** 902 **FrameLast:** 1151

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 35 **QCID:**

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.2

**IRIS Number:** 451152

**BegDate:** Jan 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Mar 31 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/0056/COMBAT

SUPPORT SQUADRON/0602/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0606/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SQUADRON/0056/DISPENSARY SQUADRON/0056/FIELD

MAINTENANCE SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS MAINTENANCE

SQUADRON/0456/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE

SQUADRON/0056/SUPPLY SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING

SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE

SQUADRON/0056/TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON/0056/SERVICES

SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE

**Title Extension:** VOL II OF III

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** CONFIDENTIAL **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom:

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** HISTORY OF 56 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS OF JUNGLE CLEARANCE PROJECT.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** M0785

**Admin:** No Administrative Markings Listed

**SecInfo:** Reviewed IAW EO12958\*\*Exemption 25X6\*\*11 MAR 1997

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT 0251751.

CONTAINS HISTORIES OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

**AccNotes:** REF 00451151 **OldAcc:** 3-5970-2 **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:**

**Reel:** 13821 **Frame:** 1446 **FrameLast:** 1868

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**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** ROBINSON, JACK A.

**RECTYPE:** End-of-Tour Report **Call:** K717.131 (ROBINSON, JACK A..)

**IRIS Number:** 517614

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1971 12:00AM **EndDate:** Jun 1 1972 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** WING /0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON/  
0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON /0023/ TACTICAL AIR  
SUPPORT SQUADRON /0054/ RECONNAISSANCE

**Title Extension:**

**Title Added Entries:** MEMORANDUM, PROPOSED SEARCH AND  
RESCUE (SAR) CONCEPT, 23 MAY 72 REPORT A-1/0V-10 EMPLOYMENT  
CONCEPT, NO DATE

**Class: Unclassified LNFT: AudioRec: MajCom:**

**Subject:** COMMANDO HARVEST

**Abstract:** END-OF-TOUR REPORT SUBMITTED BY ROBINSON, JACK A.  
COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, COMMANDER, 56 SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS SQUADRON, A-1 AIRCRAFT, HOBOS/SANDYS; 18  
SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON, AC-119K, STINGERS; 21 SPECIAL  
OPERATIONS SQUADRON (CH-53), KNIVES, 23 TACTICAL AIR  
SUPPORT SQUADRON, OV-10 AND PAVE NAIL, NAILS/RUSTICS; AND  
554 RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, QU-22B, VAMPIRES. ALSO  
DISCUSSED SUPPORT AREAS DIRECTLY AFFECTING COMBAT  
OPERATIONS.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** K7241

**Admin:** No Administrative Markings Listed

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT 0583130

**AccNotes:** **OldAcc:** 3-6988-12A **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:** Sep 13 2000  
12:00AM **Reel:** 18909 **Frame:** 521 **FrameLast:** 563

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** D1 **QCID:** 06

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** MENTECKI, JOSEPH A.

**RECTYPE:** End-of-Tour Report **Call:** K717.131 (MENTECKI, JOSEPH A.)

**IRIS Number:** 517600

**BegDate:** May 1 1970 12:00AM **EndDate:** May 1 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**Title Extension:**

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** Unclassified **LNFT:** AudioRec **MajCom:**

**Subject:**

**Abstract:** END-OF-TOUR REPORT SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH A MANTECKI, COLONEL, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR MATERIEL, 56 SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING, NAKHON PHANOM ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, THAILAND. BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY AREAS.

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:** K7240

**Admin:** No Administrative Markings Listed

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT 0251688.

INCLUDES STATISTICAL CHART.

**AccNotes:** **OldAcc:** 3-5957-1A **AccsnrID:** **DateAccs:** Sep 12 2000 12:00AM **Reel:** 18908 **Frame:** 1231 **FrameLast:** 1248

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** D1 **QCID:** 06

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WALSH, EDWARD J. JR

**RECTYPE:** END-OF-TOUR REPORT **Call:** K717.131 (WALSH, EDWARD J., JR.)

**IRIS Number:** 517636

**BegDate:** Aug 1 1970 12:00AM **EndDate:** Jul 1 1971 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**Title Extension:**

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** UNCLASSIFIED **LNFT:** Audio **Rec:** MajCom:

**Subject:** COMMAND RELATIONS WING AIRCRAFT PRECISION  
MEASURING EQUIPMENT LABORATORY AVIONICS MUNITIONS  
MORALE DRUG ABUSE PUBLIC HEALTH FLIGHT SAFETY GROUND  
SAFETY

**Abstract:** END-OF-TOUR REPORT SUBMITTED BY WALSH, EDWARD J. JR., COL, COMMANDER , 56 SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING, NAKOM PHANOM ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE, THAILAND. AIRCRAFT INCLUDED CH-3, C0123K, AND QU-22B.

**DateRcvd:** IRISRef: K7241

**Admin:** Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** PROJECT CORONA HARVEST DOCUMENT 0253442. INCLUDES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND AREA MAPS. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

**AccNotes:** OldAcc: 3-6029-24A **AccsnrID:** DateAccs: Sep 14 2000 12:00AM **Reel:** 18909 **Frame:** 1008 **FrameLast:** 1136

**DateScnd:** DateMflm: **ScanrID:** IndexID: D1 **QCID:** 06

**DOC\_LINK:**

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.4

**IRIS Number:** 902037

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1972 12:00AM **EndDate:** Dec 31 1972 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL IV OF IV

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** Unclassified **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** **MajCom:** Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)

**Subject:** SQUADRON/0456/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/FIELD MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/SUPPLY \*\* SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING

\*\* SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/SERVICES \*\* SAFETY \*\* PERSONNEL \*\*

COMPTROLLER \*\* PROCUREMENT \*\* STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

**Abstract:**

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:**

**Admin:** For Official Use Only

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** Appendices VI. Includes subordinate unit and staff historical reports. Project Corona Harvest Number 0581555. Includes information subject to Privacy Act of 1974 - SSAN's. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

**AccNotes:** Ref 00902034 **OldAcc:** 3-7727-4 **AccsnrID:** 12

**DateAccs:** Mar 7 2006 12:00AM **Reel:** 50825 **Frame:** **FrameLast:**

**DateScnd:** **DateMflm:** **ScanrID:** **IndexID:** 12 **QCID:** 88

**DOC\_LINK:** Electronic document available on Classified IRIS

**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.3

**IRIS Number:** 902036

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1972 12:00AM **EndDate:** Dec 31 1972 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL III OF IV

**Title Added Entries:**

**Class:** Confidential **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** **MajCom:** Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)

**Subject:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0018/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0023/TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT \*\* SQUADRON/0361

TACTICAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE \*\*

SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE \*\* DETACHMENT

1/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**Abstract:**

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:**

**Admin:** For Official Use Only

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**DNotes:** Appendix VI. Includes subordinate unit and staff historical reports. Corona Harvest Numbers 0581555 through 0581662. Includes information subject to Privacy Act of 1974 - SSANs. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

**AccNotes:** Ref 00902034 **OldAcc:** 3-7727-3 **AccsnrID:** 12

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**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.2

**IRIS Number:** 902035

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1972 12:00AM **EndDate:** Dec 31 1972 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:**

**Title Extension:** VOL II OF IV

**Title Added Entries:** Biography, Col Robert E. Wayne, Commander, 56 Special Operations Wing, Undated \*\* 13 Air Force Regulation 23-13, Organization and Mission - Field, 56th Special Operations Wing, 1 Dec 1972

**Class:** Unclassified **LNFT:** 0 **AudioRec:** MajCom: Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)

**Subject:** SAR REPORTS/CALL SIGNS LADY ACE 21 \*\* BLUE STAR 34 \*\* OWL-02 \*\* SURGE-93 \*\* ATLANTA-10 \*\* SABER-74 \*\* NOK-402 \*\* BUICK 01 \*\* MOTION A-2 \*\* TUGE-02 \*\* RAVEN-23 \*\* VOLUNTEER-538 \*\* OLDS-04 \*\* DATE-03 \*\* NAIL-60 \*\* ATLANTA-08 \*\* HOBO-42 \*\* RANGER-23 \*\* BUICK-03 \*\* NAVY SHIP, SABRE-16 \*\* JOY HOP-01 \*\* BARON-56 \*\* OLIVE-02 \*\* HOBO-01 \*\* BRASS-02 \*\* SPECTRE-17 \*\* ASH-02 \*\* NOY-02

**Abstract:**

**DateRcvd:** **IRISRef:**

**Admin:** For Official Use Only

**SecInfo:**

**DNotes:** Appendices I through V. Includes list of assigned units, G-series orders, roster of key personnel, unit data section, and supporting documents (SD)-1 through SD-43. Includes regulations, list, messages, search and rescue (SAR) mission reports, monthly maintenance reports, and quarterly aircrew review panel minutes. Project Corona Harvest Number 0581555. Contains information subject to Privacy Act of 1974 - SSAN's. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

**AccNotes:** Ref 00902034 **OldAcc:** 3-7727-2 **AccsnrID:** 12

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**Main:** WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**RECTYPE:** Periodic History **Call:** K-WG-56-HI V.1

**IRIS Number:** 902034

**BegDate:** Jul 1 1972 12:00AM **EndDate:** Dec 31 1972 12:00AM

**PubDate:**

**Author:** Nickias, Willis L. \*\* Girard, Mark A.

**Title Extension:** VOL I OF IV

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**Abstract:** Document is history of 56 Special Operations Wing (SOW), Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB), Thailand under command of Col Robert E. Wayne. Col Wayne assumed command of 56 SOW on 1 Dec 1972. Organizational changes included activations of 56 Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS), Detachment 1, 362 Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS), 61 TEWS, and Operating Location 1 (OL-1), 361 TEWS. Inactivations included 554 Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) and 18 Special Operations Squadron (SOS). 1 SOS relocated to Kadena Air Base, Japan. Two AC-119K crew members awarded Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry for action against enemy in Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) area. Wing hosted numerous distinguished visitors (DV).

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**DNotes:** Chronology, narrative, summary, appendices, and list of supporting documents. Project Corona Harvest Number 0581555. Contains photographs of wing commander, aircraft, and maps. Contains information subject to Privacy Act of 1974 - SSAN's. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

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**Subject:** SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

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1/WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* SQUADRON/0454/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE \*\* SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/FIELD MAINTENANCE \*\* SQUADRON/0056/SUPPLY \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE \*\* SQUADRON/0056/SERVICES

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**DNotes:** Appendix VI. Includes subordinate unit historical data reports. Project Corona Harvest Numbers 0581281 through 0581295. Includes information subject to Privacy Act of 1974 -SSAN's. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

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**Subject:** SAR REPORTS/ALL SIGNS FOR BAT 21B \*\* NAIL 38B \*\* MUSKET 01B \*\* BENGAL 505 \*\* COSMIC 16B \*\* GUNSMOKE 01 \*\* SCORPION 115 \*\* MUSKET 03A/B \*\* BOOTLEG 51B \*\* PHOENIX BLACK II \*\* SUNDOG 07 \*\* BOWLEG 02A \*\* OYSTER 01B \*\* CHICO 63 \*\* SEAFOX 06B \*\* BLUE GHOST 10 \*\* NICKEL 102 \*\* SANDY 07 \*\* VALANT 04A \*\* MASS CASUALTY REPORT FINAL SEARCH PROGRESS - INITIAL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) \*\* DECORATIONS FOR PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION (KIA) \*\* CASUALTY REPORT - WOUNDED IN ACTION \*\* CASUALTY REPORT - SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH \*\* C-119K TACTICS MANUAL \*\* A-1 TACTICS MANUAL \*\* SEA 90-DAY VOLUNTARY EXTENSION PROGRAM \*\* MOVE OF EC-47 AIRCRAFT \*\* PROJECT ENHANCE

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**DNotes:** Appendices I through V. Include list of assigned units, G-series orders, roster of key personnel, unit data section, and supporting documents (SD)-1 through -110. Includes regulations, memoranda of understanding, letters, reports, messages, search and recovery (SAR) reports, manuals, and workorders. Project Corona Harvest Number 0581281. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

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**Subject:** AC-119 STINGER AIRCRAFT \*\* OV-10A "NAIL" AIRCRAFT \*\* QU-22B "VAMPIRE" AIRCRAFT \*\* A-1J "SANDY" AIRCRAFT \*\* TARGET AREA SITUATION - BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER \*\*

SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0018/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATION \*\*

SQUADRON/0023/TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT \*\*

SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE \*\* DETACHMENT

1/WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* SAR REPORTS/CALL SIGNS

\*\* BAT 21B - NAIL 38B \*\* VAMPIRE 46 \*\* BENGAL 505 \*\* MUSKET

01A/B \*\* VAMPIRE 50 \*\* COSMIC 16B \*\* GUNSMOKE 01A/B \*\*

SCORPION 115 \*\* BILK 34 \*\* STRINGER 41B/D/E/F/G/H/I \*\* MUSKET

03A/B \*\* BOOTLEG 51B \*\* PHOENIX BLACK II \*\* ICEBAG 04 \*\*

SUNDOG 07 \*\* BOWLEG 02A \*\* VIENS 02 \*\* GUNSMOKE 06A/B \*\*

OYSTER 01B \*\* CHICO 64 \*\* SEAFOX 06B \*\* BLUE GHOST 10 \*\*

EAGLE 02 \*\* SPECTRE 11D/G/P \*\* NICKEL 02 - SANDY 07 \*\* MOON

02 - CHAPPAKAWA SKY \*\* LOGGY 03 - SLATER 04 \*\* COVEY 27 \*\*

COVEY 87B \*\* VALENT 03A - VALENT 04A \*\* NAIL 37 \*\* LAOS

**Abstract:** Document is history of 56 Special Operations Wing (SOW), Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB), Thailand under command of Col Norbert L. Simon. Col Simon assumed command from Col Jack A. Robinson on 17 Jun 1972. Discusses mission, organization, and administration, personnel, operations and training, search and recovery (SAR) missions, maintenance and supply, facilities, and special activities. Wing maintained assigned and attached units in high state of combat readiness, conducted combat operations as directed, prepared and maintained plans for several types of warfare, supported and trained Royal Laotian Air Force through activities of Detachment 1, 56 SOW, and accomplished other missions as directed by higher headquarters. Command changes involved Vice Commander, Deputy Commander for Operations, Assistant Deputy Commander for

Operations, 1 Special Operations Squadron, 23 Tactical Air Support Squadron, and 554 Reconnaissance Squadron. Addresses aircraft crashes. Distinguished visitors (DV) included Gen Jack J. Catton, Commander, Military Airlift Command (MAC) visiting 40 Aerospace and Rescue (ARRS) Squadron, and Honorable Spencer J. Schedler, Assistant Secretary of Air Force For Financial Management visiting 56 SOW.

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SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\*

SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE \*\* DETACHMENT

1/WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS

MAINTENANCE \*\* SQUADRON/0056/FIELD MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0454/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/CIVIL ENGINEERING \*\*

SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE \*\*

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**DNotes:** Appendices I through V. Includes list of assigned units, G-Series Orders, roster of key personnel, unit data, and Supporting Documents (SD)-1 through SD-70. Includes mission statements, reports, messages, letters, workorders, and staff roster. FULL TEXT DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORM VIA CLASSIFIED NETWORK.

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**Subject:** SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORTS/CALL SIGNS \*\* A-1H/J "SANDY" SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT \*\* SQUADRON/0001/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* A-1E "HOB" AIRCRAFT \*\* AC-119K "STINGER" GUNSHIP AIRCRAFT \*\* SQUADRON/0018/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* CH-53 "JOLLY GREEN GIANT" HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT \*\* SQUADRON/0021/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* OV-10A AIRCRAFT \*\* SQUADRON/0021/TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT \*\* QU-22B "VAMPIRE" AIRCRAFT \*\* SQUADRON/0554/RECONNAISSANCE \*\* DETACHMENT 1, WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* TARGET AREA SITUATION \*\* BARREL ROLL \*\* STEEL TIGER \*\* SEARCH AND RECOVERY (SAR) CALL SIGNS SEAFOX 01A/BB \*\* MUSKET 01 \*\* JUNIOR 02 \*\* COVEY 219 \*\* NAIL 31A/B \*\* JOLLY GREEN 61 \*\* SPECTRE 22A/O

**Abstract:** Document is history of 56 Special Operations Wing (SOW), Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB), Thailand, under command of Col Jack A. Robinson. Discusses mission, organization, and administration, personnel, operations and training, maintenance and supply, and facilities. Wing hosted distinguished visitors (DV). Underwent mission change involving addition of OV-10A aircraft of 23 Tactical Air Support Squadron (23 TASS). Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) conducted Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Team (MSET) inspection of Wing Maintenance.

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1/WING/0056/SPECIAL OPERATIONS \*\* SQUADRON/0056/AVIONICS

\*\* SQUADRON/0454/MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE \*\*

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SQUADRON/0056/SECURITY POLICE \*\*

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**Subject:** SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) REPORTS/CALL SIGNS \*\* MUSTANG BLUE \*\* HAWK 05 \*\* ASHCAN 01 \*\* GUNFIGHTER 82 \*\* FALCON 66/74/74 \*\* RAVEN 45 \*\* NAIL 30 \*\* CHARLIE HORSE 14 \*\* SAR OPERATIONS AND CAPABILITIES \*\* IMPROVEMENTS IN SAR

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**Subject:** CALL SIGNS MUSTANG BLUE \*\* GUNFIGHTER 82 \*\* BATTLE DAMAGE \*\* LOSSES

**Abstract:** Document is history of 56 Special Operations Wing (SOW), Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force (RTAFB), Thailand, under command of Col Jack A. Robinson. Discusses mission, organization, and administration, personnel, operations and training, maintenance and safety, facilities, and special activities. 56 SOW consisted of four operational squadrons that included 1 Special Operations Squadron, (SOS) flying A-1 Skyraider aircraft; 18 SOS, flying AC-119K gunships; 21 SOS, flying CH-53 helicopters; and 554 Reconnaissance Squadron flying QU-22 aircraft. Detachment 1, 56 SOW, was assigned to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand to support Laos Military Program. Position of Wing Sergeant Major established and filled by CMSgt R.L. Harleman. Lt Col John W. Douglas succeeded Lt Col Lewis C. Mayo as Commander, 56 Avionics Maintenance Squadron (AMS); Lt Col Joseph W. Norrbohm succeeded Lt Col William H. Foster as Commander, 56 Field Maintenance Squadron (FMS); Lt Col Robert C. Mathews succeeded Lt Col Thomas L. Kelsey as Commander, 18 Special Operations Squadron (SOS); Lt Col George R. Loveall replaced Maj Charles K. Brannan as Chief of Safety; and Lt Col Robert T. Newman, Chief of Intelligence, departed. Wing participated in search and recovery (SAR) missions that included Barrel Roll, for King Bee in Cambodia; Steel Tiger for Falcon 21 rescue aircraft; Hawk 05 in Cambodia; Ashcan 01 near Mu Gia Pass in Laos; Falcons 66/74/55 in Barrel Roll; Raven 45 in southern Steel Tiger; Nail 30 in vicinity of Ban Karai Pass; Charlie Horse 14; and Loch 26 in highlands of South Vietnam. Distinguished visitors included Gen John D. Lavelle, Lt Gen Timothy F. O'Keefe, Maj Gen Robert Petit, Maj Gen James O. Frankosky, Gen John D. Ryan, Lt Gen George S. Boylan, Lt Gen George J. Eade, and Rear Adm Ferris, Commander, Carrier Division, USN, and Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Secretary of the Air Force.

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